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1. (Secret - JMM) Talked to Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, regarding legislation for the future of our Radios--he sees no problem in getting House approval of the Senate bill for handling them under a continuing resolution until 6 August.

2. (Secret - JMM) Discussed the Radios problem with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, who says he thinks the bill for taking care of the Radios under a continuing resolution will survive in the Senate, but he is not at all sure of the long-term future of the Radios. He feels they cannot survive indefinitely in an "open environment" in the face of present congressional economy drives.

3. (Secret - JMM) Discussed with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, problems created by the Symington amendment and pointed out that programs in which the Agency is involved, both in its own behalf and in behalf of DOD, come close to amounting to the full \$200 million limit which the Symington amendment would impose on U.S. operations in Laos. Braswell asked me to provide him with a breakdown of our figures on both our own programs and the programs we are helping to handle with DOD.

4. (Confidential - JMM) Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called to request a briefing on Mexico and I asked [REDACTED] to arrange it with [REDACTED] of OCI.

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5. (Secret - JMM) Discussed with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, problems regarding the sanitization for publication of the transcript of the secret Senate session on Laos. Woodruff continues to argue emphatically that we should try to hold the line on all sensitive matters, and asked particularly how we propose to handle [REDACTED] 25X1C

[REDACTED] I said I thought we would try to hold the line on this in every way possible, but I couldn't guarantee the results. Woodruff said that if we gave any ground on this we would be letting down our Subcommittee members in the Senate, who would find themselves in an extremely embarrassing position with their colleagues if it became known that they had been privy to these arrangements from the outset.

He said he wouldn't so much just blame this on the Agency, but now that Russell was gone people like Young, Ellender, Stennis, and Mahon would be "crucified" if their complicity in these sensitive arrangements were publicized.

Referring to the Symington amendment, Woodruff said he thought this had a good chance of passing and he would advise Ellender and Young not to "get out on a limb" in fighting this one. I explained to Woodruff the amount of the Agency programs in Laos, and of DOD programs in which the Agency was involved, pointing out that these two programs added up to close to the \$200 million ceiling imposed by the Symington amendment.

6. (Secret - JMM) Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, said Senator Stennis was much interested in references in the current press revelations about our Vietnam involvement to a certain National Intelligence Estimate of several years ago. Braswell said that, according to the press, this Estimate had minimized the strategic effectiveness of bombings of North Vietnam and had tended to discount the domino theory--views which Senator Stennis himself had also shared. I told Braswell I would look into the matter and let him know what the Estimate had said. Braswell indicated the Chairman would no doubt like to see the Estimate himself, to which I made no response.

Braswell asked if the Director's congressional briefings during the period in question had expressed skepticism regarding the effectiveness of the bombings or the validity of the domino theory. I said I would have to check the record in order to answer.

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7. (Confidential - LLM) George Murphy, Deputy Director, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, followed up his call to [REDACTED] on Friday concerning the announced approval of sale of the ICL 1906-A computer to the USSR. Based on information provided by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] OER, I identified a blind memorandum in Murphy's possession on this subject as a memorandum we had given him last fall dated 4 September 1970, entitled "ICL 1906's to USSR." Murphy also pushed for the early delivery of a paper [REDACTED] is preparing for him in blind memorandum form which ranks the capability of the ICL 1906. I told him we would try to get it to him tomorrow morning which he said was fine.

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8. (Internal Use Only - JGO) In a meeting with Mr. [REDACTED] FE Division, Mr. Maury and Mr. [REDACTED] reviewed and concurred in the FE Division suggested changes in the Department of State draft response to Chairman Morgan, House Foreign Affairs Committee, concerning House of Representatives Resolutions of Inquiry submitted by Representative Paul McCloskey (R., Calif.) (H. Res. 492, 493, 494 & 495). The Department of State draft response was forwarded to this Agency by transmittal dated 28 June 1971.

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9. (Secret - JGO) I talked to Mr. Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and scheduled a briefing on Mexico for 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, 30 June in his office. This was in response to his call to Mr. Maury earlier in the day. Mr. [REDACTED] DDI, has been advised.

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10. (Internal Use Only - JGO) In response to a memorandum request dated 23 June from Mr. [REDACTED] for information concerning a meeting on 21 June 1971 between South Vietnam Minister of Economy Ngoc and an informal congressional committee headed by Representative Bella Abzug (D., N.Y.), I made several inquiries on the Hill. House Foreign Affairs Committee staff and House Government Operations Committee staff had no knowledge of such a meeting. Representative Abzug's office has issued no statement and three different members of her staff had no information on the meeting other than that one of them thought Representative Abzug had met with Minister Ngoc on the 21st of June. Mr. [REDACTED] has been advised.

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11. (Unclassified - JGO) Met with Miss Jane McMullan, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and received from her copies of the continuing appropriations resolution, H. J. Res. 742, as amended by the Committee on Friday, 25 June, and a copy of the Senate Report 92-240. The Senate amendments make specific provisions for RFE and RL funding for the period 1 July through 6 August. Messrs. Houston, OGC, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] OPPB, have been advised.

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12. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, who told me that S. 1936, the Case bill to establish a council for funding RFE and RL operations, was on the agenda for discussion in the executive meeting of the full Committee last week but the item was not reached. After checking with Mr. Robert Dockery, the staff man handling S. 1936, Mr. Kuhl told me that the bill has not been included as yet in the agenda for the next Executive Session. It is apparently Mr. Dockery's feeling that with the passage of the continuing resolution by the Senate Appropriations Committee on Friday with provisions for funding of the Radios that the matter has been resolved for the present in that the resolution will probably be continued after 6 August indefinitely as needed. Messrs. [REDACTED] OGC, and [REDACTED] have been advised.

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13. (Confidential - JGO) Talked to various members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee staff concerning H.R. 9330, dated 22 June, a bill to provide for the establishment of a council for funding RFE and RL operations. Although the bill has been referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs for action, it has not been assigned within the Committee. Conversation with Mr. Albert Westphal indicates that the Committee will continue pretty much full time on the foreign aid bill the remainder of the week. Messrs. [REDACTED] OGC, and Mr. [REDACTED] have been advised.

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